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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to a telephone conversation with applicant on January 8, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-12, 14-16, 20 and 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Keenan on January 8, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claims 6, 13 and 17-19 have been canceled.

Claims 1-5 have been rewritten as follows:

--1. (Currently amended) A woodworking apparatus including a sawdust collector, the woodworking apparatus ~~collection apparatus for use with a table saw, the table saw~~ having a horizontal worktable, a ~~an open-bottom~~ base below the worktable, and a tool ~~extending above the worktable surface for cutting enclosing a rotating blade that cuts~~ wood objects on the worktable surface, the ~~open-bottom~~ base allowing sawdust generated by the tool ~~blade~~ to fall into a ~~the~~ space below the worktable, and a first fastener structure ~~being~~ provided ~~along the inside on the base, periphery of the open bottom base, means for driving the saw blade, and, a saw blade elevating and tilting~~

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~~mechanism, with means for supporting the base from the floor; the sawdust collection apparatus consisting essentially of: a~~ the sawdust collector removably attached for ~~removably attaching~~ to the base table saw for collecting sawdust during use of the table saw, the sawdust collector comprising:

a container having an upper opening, inwardly sloping sides and a bottom portion, [[:]]

the bottom portion including a closure and a vacuum connector device, [[:]]

the closure being manipulable into an open position for permitting the removal of dust collected in the container, or into a closed position, [[:]] and

the vacuum connector being connectable to a vacuum source;

wherein ~~the upper opening of~~ the container includes a second fastener structure along ~~the outer periphery of~~ the upper opening, and [[:]] wherein the second fastener structure is removably attached ~~capable of removable cooperative attachment~~ to the first fastener structure on the ~~open bottom~~ base.

2. (Currently amended) The woodworking ~~collector~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the container is a bag.

3. (Currently amended) The woodworking ~~collector~~ apparatus of claim 2 wherein the bag is made of cloth.

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4. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 1 wherein the closure is a zipper.

5. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 1 wherein the vacuum connector is adapted to connect to a vacuum hose plurality of sizes of vacuum hoses--.

Claims 7-12 have been rewritten as follows:

--7. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 1 further including a collapse prevention structure attached to the vacuum connector inside the container ~~attached to the vacuum connector~~, to prevent the collapse of the container into the vacuum connector when the vacuum is applied during use.

8. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 7 wherein the collapse prevention structure is a mesh screen.

9. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 8 wherein the mesh screen is made of plastic.

10. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 9 wherein the plastic is high density polyethylene.

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11. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 8 wherein the mesh screen is attached to the vacuum connector with at least one fastener.

12. (Currently amended) The woodworking collector apparatus of claim 11 wherein the at least one mesh screen fastener is made of plastic.--.

Claims 14-16 have been rewritten as follows:

14. (Currently Amended) The woodworking apparatus of claim 1 ~~kit of claim 13~~ wherein the first and second fastener structures are hook-and-loop fasteners.

15. (Original) The woodworking apparatus ~~[[kit]]~~ of claim 14 wherein the hook-and-loop fasteners are elongated strips.

16. (Original) The woodworking apparatus ~~[[kit]]~~ of claim 15 wherein the elongated strips are adhesively backed for permanent mounting on the table saw.--.

Claim 20 has been rewritten as follows:

--20. (Currently amended) The woodworking apparatus of claim 2 wherein the bag is made from a one-piece fabric.--.

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New claim 21 has been added as follows:

--21. (New) The woodworking apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tool is a rotating blade.--.

In the Specification

Page 8, line 1, "saws" has been changed to --saw--.

In the Abstract

The abstract has been rewritten as follows:

--A table saw having a horizontal worktable, an open bottom base below the worktable enclosing a rotating blade that cuts wood objects on the worktable surface, means for driving the saw blade, a saw blade elevating and tilting mechanism, with means and a stand for supporting the base from the floor. The table saw further including [[has]] a sawdust collector for removable attachment to the base. The sawdust collector including ~~underside of a table saw having~~ a flexible catch bag with an opening at its top to receive the sawdust, a connection at the bottom for attachment to a vacuum device, and a zipper at the bottom for batch-wise collection and continuous discharge of sawdust. The outer peripheral edge of the top opening has a fastening structure, such as VELCRO, that permits the sawdust collector to be removably attached to a corresponding fastening structure of [[under]] the table saw.--.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on (571)272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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